

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on June 18, 2009. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action, claims 1-26, 28, and 29, were pending.

The Office Action has restricted the claims of the present application into three groups. Claims 1-7, 15, 16, 18-25, and 29 have been restricted into Group I. Claims 8-14 and 17 have been restricted into Group II. Claim 26 has been restricted into Group III. Applicant notes that the Examiner did not explicitly restrict claim 28 into one of the three groups. Claim 28 is dependent upon claim 18, which is a part of Group I. Accordingly, applicant assumes that claim 28 was intended to be restricted to Group I as well.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I (claims 1-7, 15, 16, 18-25, 28, and 29), without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications drawn to the non-elected claims.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicants hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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